b r a i n w a s h e d PT.2

THEORIES: VISUALIZED

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Updates & Corrections:
7:06pm 10/24/23
[LINK TO RESOURCES USED BELOW HERE]

8:28pm 10/24/23
Following corrections made to CCTV timestamp details:
Shooter entered the alley at 10:07am CST.
The shooting began at 10:14:00 am CST.
Shooter exited the alley at 10:14:57am CST.

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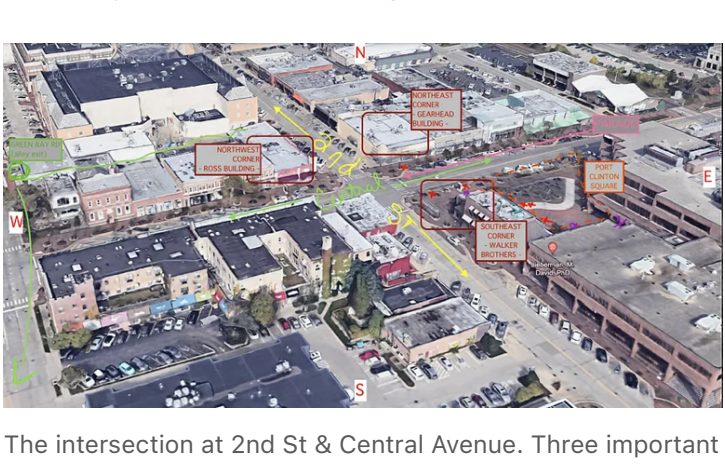
For full context and understanding, review previous posts
- ***b r a i n w a s h e d pt1***
- ***dissecting/eyewitness: gabriela***
- ***nonexhaustive list of witness statements***

They will be referenced heavily here.

[keep the bolded information in mind. it matters.]

SYNOPSIS:

The official statement released by law enforcement was that **at 10:07:00 am CST**, CCTV footage from **1799 Green Bay Road** captured the shooting suspect **entering the alley** that led to the **fire escape, up to the Ross rooftop**.
The individual, armed with an AR style rifle - a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 - **opened fire at 10:14am CST onto the crowd** of parade goers lining the sidewalks at the intersection of Central Avenue and 2nd Street. **Despite initial reports of the shooter being perched across the street on the roof of Gearhead Outfitters and those of multiple shooters,** law enforcement concluded that the **individual had acted alone in a preplanned, yet random, attack** for which **no motive** has ever been established. They reported the individual had **fired a total of 83 shots from the rooftop, killing seven and wounding (or accelerating the cause of wounds to) 48 others.** At **10:14:57 am CST**, just **fifty-seven seconds later**, the same CCTV footage captured the same **suspect exiting the alley**. Only one still capture was released to the public of the individual from the CCTV video but law enforcement reported he had been **dressed in women's clothing and had used makeup to conceal his facial tattoos** and allow him to discreetly escape on foot with the panicked and chaotic crowd. As he was exiting the alley an **object, wrapped in a red blanket,** fell from his backpack. That object was confirmed to have been the **legally purchased Smith and Wesson M&P 15** that was traced back to Robert Crimo III.
He walked to his mother's house approximately 0.35 miles southwest of 1799 Green Bay Road, where he retrieved her vehicle and remained at large for nearly eight hours. He was apprehended peacefully shortly after 6:30pm CST after being stopped by police at Westleigh and U.S. 41.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The intersection at 2nd St & Central Avenue. Three important corners marked in dark red, parade direction labeled in pink, foot path traveled by Crimo in green and labeled GREEN BAY RD, victims marked with red Xes and locations of lower level windows shot by bullets in purple Xes (1 at Walker Brothers and 2 in Port Clinton Square)

BULLET POINTS:

- As Mayor Rotering later testified to the U.S. Senate, **15 of those shots were fired into the kneewall** of the Ross rooftop. According to her statement and that of law enforcement, **68 shots remained**.

- The **Ross building** is located at the **Northwest corner of Central Avenue and 2nd Street**.
- The **Ross rooftop is approximately 350 feet from the alley entrance at Green Bay Road**, according to Google Earth.
- The f**ire escape to the rooftop contains 21 steps and a railing that has to be climbed** over to reach the Ross building.
- In all, there were **7 fatalities**.
- **5 died on scene** and **2 later died at the hospital**.
- **48 others were wounded**. No official count has been released as to **how many of the 48 suffered gunshot wounds - though it was reported as a 'large percentage' - and how many had suffered injuries** in the chaotic aftermath (ie: **scrapes and cuts**).

- Northshore Highland Park Hospital gave a presser on the afternoon of July 4th, stating they had received **26 patients**, 10 of which were by ambulance.
25 of them had suffered gunshot wounds, varying in their condition and severity.

- By the time of that presser, **4:25pmCST, 19 of those people had been treated and discharged home.**

- The initial dispatch calls of an active shooter indicated the **roof of Gearhead (used interchangeably by witnesses and media as Uncle Dan's)** as the location the sniper was perched on.

- **Gearhead Outfitters** sits in the building previously occupied by Uncle Dan's at the **Northeast corner of Central Avenue and 2nd Street**.

- The first witness to speak **on camera** and shift this narrative from Gearhead to Ross would be **Gabiela Vicencio Martinez to WGN Chicago at 12:27pm CST**.
The statement would be **aired by CBS Chicago at 12:43pm CST, yet just six minutes later, reporters still announced that the Gearhead roof remained a central point of the investigation.**

- Eyewitness **Michael Schwartz** gave multiple interviews recounting having seen a **shooter crouched on the ground behind a light post opening fire on the crowd**, on the **Northeast corner in front of Gearhead/Uncle Dan's**, and vehemently insisted that he had **looked the shooter in the eyes.** He said he **saw the shooter flee north on 2nd Street** and that he would **recognize the man's gait** from anywhere.

- Eyewitness Shawn Cotreau was the **first witness interview to be aired on the CBS Chicago live stream on July 4th at just approximately 1.5 minutes into their broadcast.** In a televised phone interview he recounted having **seen a shooter perched atop the Ross building wearing a gray-brownish uniform with a hat pulled down**, aiming down **towards the center of the street,** firing across the street. He said the shots went on for what **felt like minutes,** that he saw **things were in flames and the trees were being pelted by bullets.**

- Two hours later, Gabriela Vicencio would give **multiple eyewitness statements on camera stating she, too, had seen a shooter on the Ross building** as she **stood in front of Gearhead watching the parade**, though the veracity of her story and location *remain highly questionable.*

- Irrespective of the earlier statements provided by both Shawn and Gabriela, by **1:00pm CST, media were still reporting that Law Enforcement were intensely focused on the roof of Gearhead in their investigation**.

- **No eyewitness statements, photos, or videos directly describe or incriminate Robert Crimo III - especially not as he was seen on CCTV footage**.
Accounts vary widely, from not being able to see a shooter, to where the shooter/shooters were located, to what the person on Ross was wearing. But no one described a woman, long black hair, all black clothing, or the white or blue t-shirt.

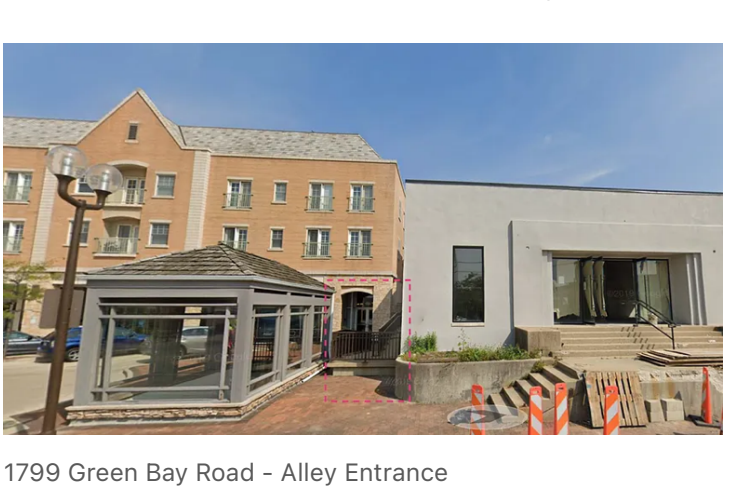
- **Fox32 reporter** Joni stated during an interview with CERT volunteer Bruce Rosenberg that she had heard **the shooter was carrying a yellow backpack**.
(Robert Crimo's backpack was 0% yellow anywhere on it)

- The **majority of the victims were located across the street (Central Avenue) on the Southeast corner of Central Avenue and 2nd Street**. Directly on that **corner is the Walker Brothers Pancake House, and just east of it is Port Clinton Square.**

—-- Let's begin.

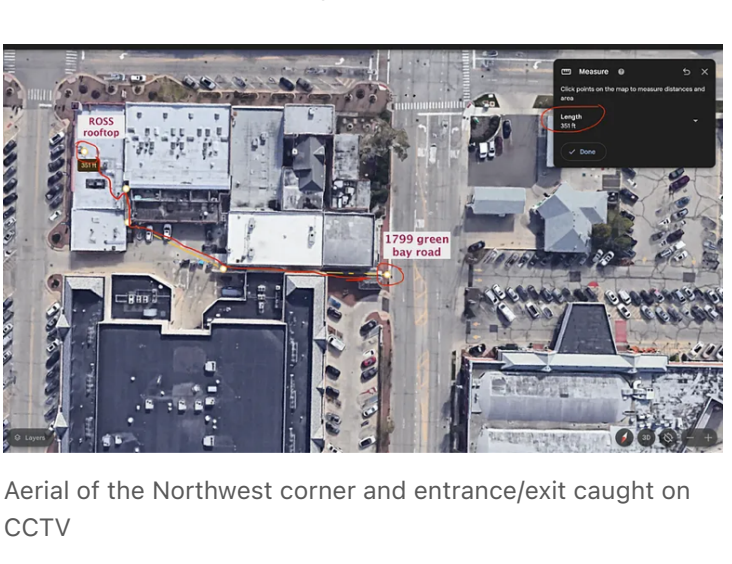
FIFTY SEVEN SECONDS

10:07:00am CST
CCTV footage from StudioOne Events captures Robert Crimo entering the alley located off the corner of Central Avenue and Green Bay Road.



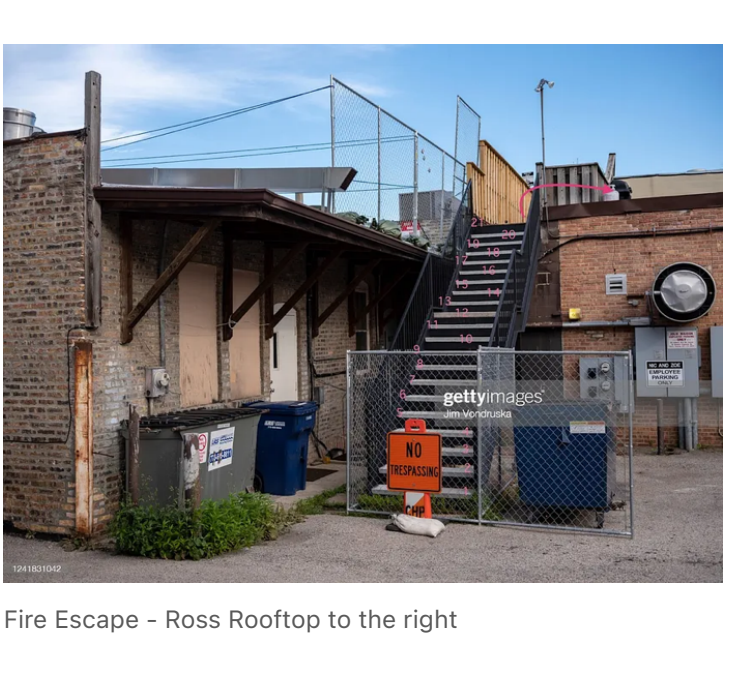
1799 Green Bay Road - Alley Entrance

The distance from the alley to the rooftop of Ross is approximately 350 feet. (Measurements are in yellow, but the path likely traveled is in red)



Aerial of the Northwest corner and entrance/exit caught on CCTV

There are 21 steps on the fire escape to the rooftop plus a stair rail that must be climbed over to gain access to Ross's rooftop.

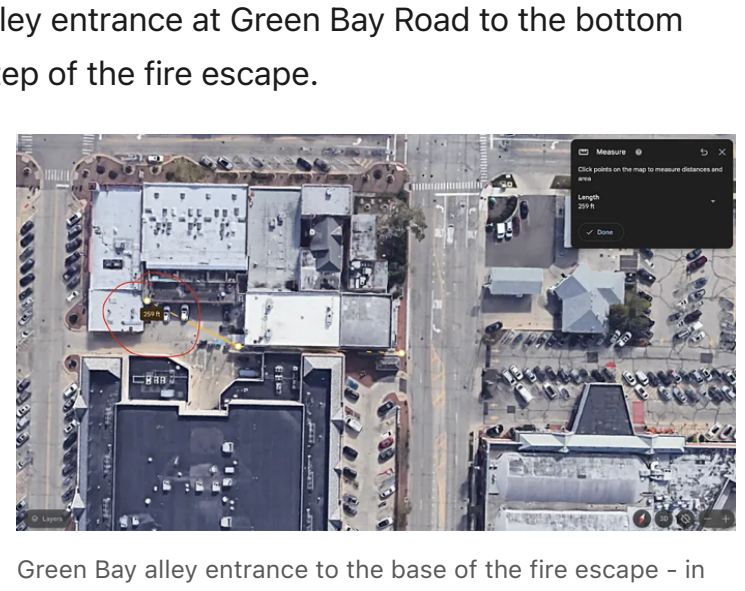


Fire Escape - Ross Rooftop to the right

**** Note:** There have been **unsubstantiated rumors** in Highland Park that the owner of StudioOne had:

1. Seen the person on CCTV enter the alley wearing all black and exit wearing a skirt/dress.
2. Seen the person on CCTV sitting on the steps of the fire escape smoking a cigarette.

It has never been stated that the person was running through the alley either time, so it is uncertain how quickly they were moving without viewing that footage.
To allow some leeway, I'm only measuring from the alley entrance at Green Bay Road to the bottom step of the fire escape.



Green Bay alley entrance to the base of the fire escape - in yellow

> It is approximately 259 feet. To allow even more leeway and generosity, I'm rounding *down* to 250 feet.
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> ****Note: 57 seconds converted to decimal = 0.95 minutes**
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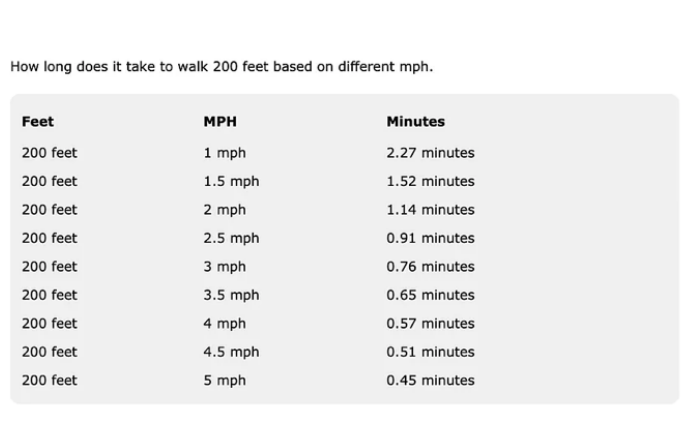
> From OnlineCalculator.org: the average length of time it would take a human to travel 200 feet at varying speeds .
> The average walking speed of *most* people is 3mph.



How long does it take to walk 200 feet based on different mph.

Feet	MPH	Minutes
200 feet	1 mph	2.27 minutes
200 feet	1.5 mph	1.52 minutes
200 feet	2 mph	1.14 minutes
200 feet	2.5 mph	0.91 minutes
200 feet	3 mph	0.76 minutes
200 feet	3.5 mph	0.65 minutes
200 feet	4 mph	0.57 minutes
200 feet	4.5 mph	0.51 minutes
200 feet	5 mph	0.45 minutes

***RECAP:**
The official narrative is that one single person, identified as Robert Crimo III on CCTV and via the rifle recovered at the scene, entered the alley at 10:07:00 - traveled 259 feet to the base of the fire escape, climbed 21 steps and over the railing to the Ross rooftop, and unpacked his rifle from his backpack. At 10:14am, he opened fire on the crowd, fired 15 shots into the knee-wall of the rooftop as testified by Mayor Rotering to the Senate, in total unloaded 83 shots from his Smith and Wesson M&P 15, reloaded two times, packed his rifle back inside a red blanket, put it back in his backpack, descended the steps, and traveled the 259 feet to exit the alley at 10:14:57.
Fifty-Seven SECONDS.
0.95 minutes.

Someone. Please. Make that math.. math. I have never been able to; not a year ago and certainly not today.

> **The Smith & Wesson M&P 15**
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> There is no one standard answer other than *your results will vary…*
> However, without modifications to an AR style rifle, like the bump stock favored by many mass shooters, **the average rate of fire is 60 rounds/minute or 1 round per second.**
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> Many avid hunters I questioned gave the rough estimate of "as fast as you can pull the trigger" as being the standard rate of fire for a Smith and Wesson M&P 15 sans modifications.
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> Confusing reports from law enforcement trickled out through media that firearm evidence had been "located on a roof top," and also that a firearm had been dropped on the ground wrapped in a red blanket, within view of a witness. LE had released a statement urging her to come forward and speak with them.
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> The **Smith & Wesson M&P15 was legally purchased** and picked up from local dealer Red Dot Arms in Lake Villa, IL.
> After the weapon was recovered it was traced to Robert Crimo III, and soon after he would be announced as the **only suspect** in the shooting.
> The narrowly tailored focus on the Gearhead/Uncle Dan's rooftop that had been reported for the first half of the day was summarily abandoned in favor of one identified suspect and the Ross Building.

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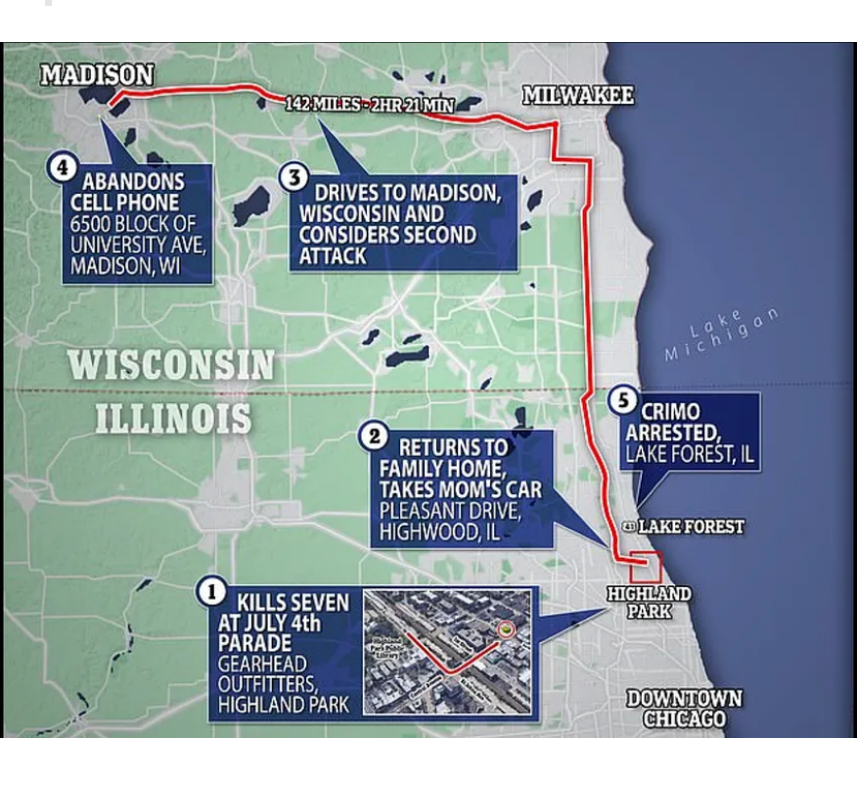
LE spent hours atop Gearhead on July 4th during their investigation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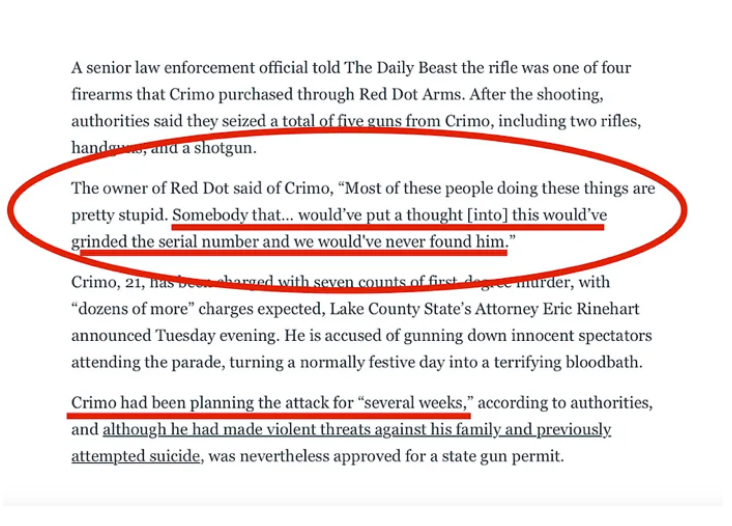
WISCONSIN
ILLINOIS
Lake Michigan
5 CRIMO ARRESTED, LAKE FOREST, IL
2 RETURNS TO FAMILY HOME, TAKES MOM'S CAR PLEASANT DRIVE, HIGHWOOD, IL
LAKE FOREST
HIGHLAND PARK
1 KILLS SEVEN AT JULY 4th PARADE GEARHEAD OUTFITTERS, HIGHLAND PARK
DOWNTOWN CHICAGO

Timelines of the event released by media would continue to name GEARHEAD OUTFITTERS as its ground zero.

On July 6th 2022, the [unnamed] owner of Red Dot Arms gave an interview to The Daily Beast stating:



A senior law enforcement official told The Daily Beast the rifle was one of four firearms that Crimo purchased through Red Dot Arms. After the shooting, authorities said they seized a total of five guns from Crimo, including two rifles, handguns, and a shotgun.

The owner of Red Dot said of Crimo, "Most of these people doing these things are pretty stupid. Somebody that... would've put a thought [into] this would've grinded the serial number and we would've never found him."

Crimo, 21, has been charged with seven counts of first-degree murder, with "dozens of more" charges expected, Lake County State's Attorney Eric Rinehart announced Tuesday evening. He is accused of gunning down innocent spectators attending the parade, turning a normally festive day into a terrifying bloodbath.

Crimo had been planning the attack for "several weeks," according to authorities, and although he had made violent threats against his family and previously attempted suicide, was nevertheless approved for a state gun permit.

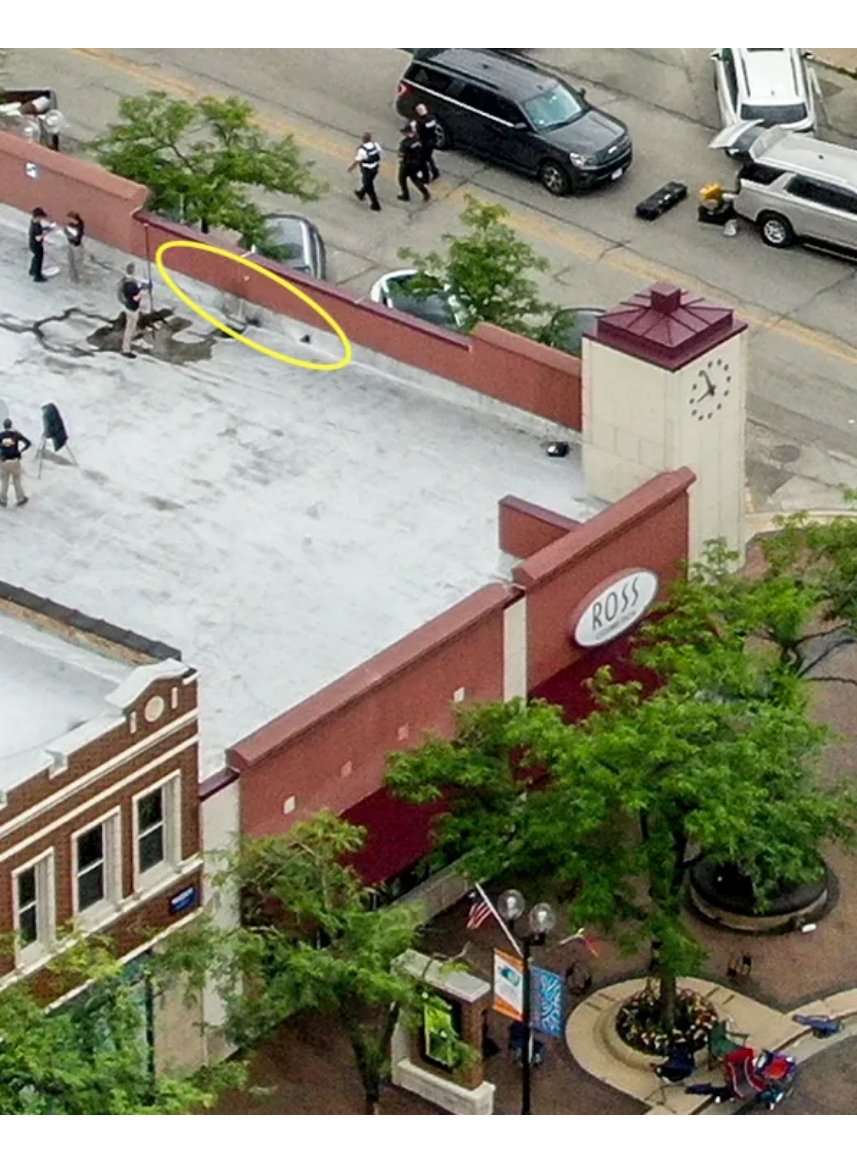
From The Daily Beast - July 6th 2022

Gun violence is so prevalent in the Chicago area that it has been given the moniker *Chi-raq.* In 2015, the West Garfield Park neighborhood of Chicago was named America's Mass Shooting Capital. Due to the large presence of gang activity, many gun related homicide cases remain unsolved and cold. [data]

As posited by the owner of Red Dot Arms, **anyone who had put thought and preparation into such a large scale attack would have already been well aware of this simple method of un-detection.**

According to statements by law enforcement, the weapon was recovered with 3 magazines. Each **mag held 30 rounds of ammunition, meaning one shooter using the recovered M&P15 would have had to reload twice to fire off the 83 reported rounds**.

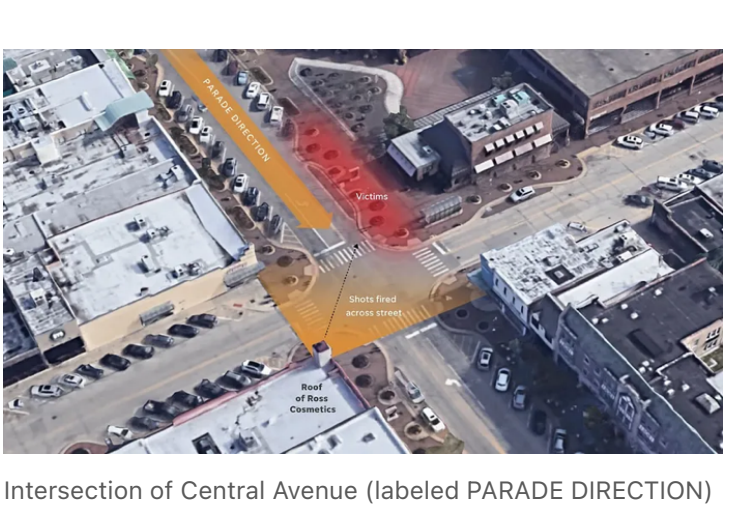
Mayor Nancy Rotering provided written testimony on Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 at 10:00am to the U.S. Senate Committee that the **shooter on the Ross building had fired fifteen rounds into the kneewall of the roof.**



Aerial footage that aired live on July 4th did, in fact, show an **inconspicuous area** of the **knee-wall - streaked in black - that appeared to be damage**.

There was no visible firearm in the hands of the person on CCTV entering the alley at 10:07:00. It would have had to be unpacked from a backpack once perched on the rooftop.
As the person exited the alley, the rifle - wrapped in a red blanket - fell out of the person's backpack onto the ground. He turned to see that it had fallen but did not retrieve it, reportedly, because a witness was nearby that would have seen him grab it. (*A person accused of killing seven people is suddenly concerned with a witness? There still should have been 27 rounds left in the third magazine to remedy any witnesses. Does that make sense in the case of a "psychopathic murderer?" Just asking…*)

> **THE SCENE**



Intersection of Central Avenue (labeled PARADE DIRECTION) and 2nd Street

The **Parade was heading West on Central Avenue**.
(Central Avenue runs East/West)

2nd Street runs North/South.
In the **bottom-middle is the Northwest Corner - the ROSS building**.

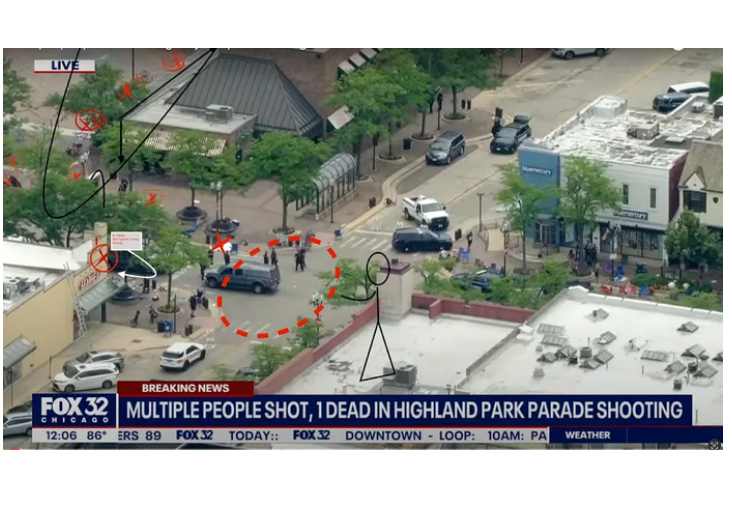
Directly above it to the upper-middle-left, across 2nd Street, is the **Northeast Corner - Gearhead/Uncle Dan's.**

Across Central Avenue (labeled Victims) is the **Southeast Corner - Walker Brothers**. Next to **Walker Brothers, to its east (**where you see the curved, thick white line) is the front of **Port Clinton Square**.

Across 2nd Street is the Southwest Corner. The Rainan Eli POV video was filmed from an upstairs window there.

The intersecting street from which the Parade was traveling is 1st Street.
The **intersecting street west of this intersection**, that the Parade would have crossed next, is **Green Bay Road**.

Two eyewitnesses, Shawn and Gabriela, reported seeing a shooter atop Ross, shooting down, towards the center of the street. In the photo below, victim plots are in red Xes and are cross referenced with publicly available photos of the crime scene.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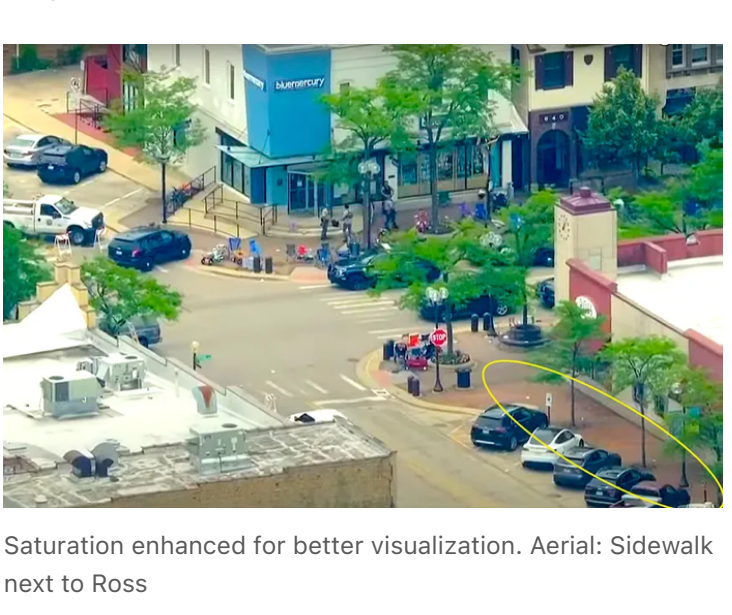
MULTIPLE PEOPLE SHOT, 1 DEAD IN HIGHLAND PARK PARADE SHOOTING

The two people to speak about the Ross sniper indicated aiming down and to his left, and into the center of the street, roughly where the dashed red circle is. However, **multiple victims lay east of Walker Brothers in Port Clinton Square, an all but impossible shot from the Ross building.**

Shawn Cotreau also reported seeing **things on fire and trees being pelted by bullets**.
One would logically surmise that the aesthetic, delicate landscaping trees lining the sidewalks downtown would sustain a certain amount of damage after being subjected to the repeated pelting of 223s.



Saturation enhanced for better visualization. Aerial: Sidewalk next to Ross

The trees on the Ross corner are seemingly intact and the sidewalk is clear of any major debris - such as fallen limbs/leaves - that would indicate any